

MORNING NEWS BY CABLE

A Terrible Calamity in a Newcastle Colliery.

From Seventy to Ninety Lives Lost by an
Explosion — Corpses Disfigured Be-
yond Recognition — The Mine
Known to be Dangerous —
Startling Rumor from Cal-
cul — Czarina Dying.

Toxible Colliery Explosion
LONDON, Jan. 21.—An explosion occurred in the Lyceott colliery, near Newcastle. The number of persons killed is variously stated at from seventy to ninety. The scene of the colliery explosion is at Newcastle-under-Lyme. The disaster occurred at 8 o'clock to-day. There is little hope that any of those in the pit at the time of the calamity, estimated to be about ninety persons, will be saved. Search for them is delayed by damage to the shaft. The explosion is attributed to the gaseous nature.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—6 p.m.—The latest account from the scene of the explosion at Newcastle-

pit, when the explosion occurred, at seventy-seven. It is believed that not more than six of the rescued can possibly recover. Twenty-five corpses have already been brought up, a majority of them being so disfigured as to be unrecognizable. The few who were rescued alive are dying rapidly. The scene at the mouth of the pit is most heartrending. One of the recovered corpses had fastened a

while some others appear to have been killed by concussion. Gangs of volunteers are descending frequently. The part of the Lywood colliery where the explosion occurred is known as the Fair Lady pit, and is the same in which six men were killed last autumn. The coal belongs to the Banbury or Fiery seam, in which all the great Staffordshire explosions have occurred.

A fire has been raging in the pit with great violence since the disaster, baffling the efforts of the explorers, and surrounding all hopes

The latest report places the total number of deaths at seventy. Another explosion is feared.

sion of the High Court of Justice yesterday application was made by the Attorney-General on the part of the postoffices for an *ad interim* injunction to restrain the Telephone Company and the Edison Telephone Company from discharging the functions for which they were called into existence. After some discussion it was arranged that an injunction

companies are to keep certain accounts until the hearing and final decision of the case. The argument in behalf of the postoffice is that telephones are telegraphs within the meaning of the act by which the latter inventions were committed to the charge of the postoffice department, and the Attorney-General represented it to be a serious grievance

tion on telegraph, now found their monopoly interfered with by telephones, which, he submitted, were practically the same invention. "The government has, therefore," he said, "commenced these proceedings by information in the Court of Exchequer."

Seventy Thousand Men to Attack Cabul.
LONDON, Jan. 22.—A dispatch from Lahore to the *Daily News* says: "The *Civil and Military Gazette's* Persian correspondents state that 75,000 Ghazis have been ordered to attack the British."

from Cabul, under the command of Saïmouh Jan, and that they intend to advance upon Cabul. Their leader has written to the chief of the Lughmans, who has collected 20,000 men, and awaits the arrival at Cabul of the Ghuzis." This is regarded as wholly sensational.

MADRID, Jan. 21.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day the decree was read appointing Senor Canovas del Castillo foreign minister, and Senor Toreno, late minister of foreign affairs, was elected President of the Chamber by a vote of 241 to 12. The slavery abolition bill was then adopted as a whole, the

Yellow Fever Quarantine Removed.
ROME, Jan. 21.—Yellow fever having disappeared from the United States quarantine on vessels arriving from American ports has been the subject of the *Avvenire*. Rome announces that His Holiness the Pope has recovered from his recent slight indisposition.

The Empress of Russia Dying.
BERLIN, Jan. 21.—News has been received from Cannes that the life of the Czarina is despaired of.

A Peruvian Defeat Reported.
LONDON, Jan. 21.—There is a rumor current on the Stock Exchange this afternoon that the Peruvian and Bolivian forces in the Province

THE INFANTRY CORPS' FAIR.

Some of the Prizes Which Will be Offered.

The Washington Light Infantry fair is booming. Last evening a large meeting of active and contributing members was held and some valuable contributions were tendered by our members and business firms of other cities in aid of the enterprise. Various prizes were offered for contributions and prizes

of those who may patronize the fair. The fair will open on the 23d of February and will continue two weeks. It will have many novel features, and the intention is to make it surpass everything of the kind ever held in our city. The competition for the various articles to be voted for will undoubtedly be very lively. Among the articles

W. Wall & Co., to be voted to the most popular police lieutenant; a policeman's badge of solid silver, to be voted to the most popular police officer; a gold-headed cane, to be presented to the cabinet officer receiving the highest number of votes; a crayon portrait, to be voted to an active member; a two-armed shell, to be presented to the boat club receiving the highest

presented to the fire company receiving the highest number of votes a handsome suit of blue, fancy dress uniform, presented by Colonel Barnside, to be given to the active member getting the most votes; a handsome dressing-case, presented by J. P. Willard, to be competed for by gentlemen; and a toilet set, presented by J. H. Drew, to be competed for by ladies. Miss Minnie Barnside, in a leather bracket made by herself, Benjamins, Blake & Co., of New York, donate a handsome billiard cue.
